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*House Will Consider Luján's Bill to Authorize Funding for LANL, Other Labs*

Washington, DC – Today, the House of Representatives will consider Rep. Ben Ray Luján's National Environmental Research Park bill (HR 2729). The bill would formally authorize funding for six National Environmental Research Parks (NERPs), including one at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

**What: House Consideration of HR 2729, Rep. Luján's National Environmental Research Park Bill**

**When: Consideration will begin between 6:30 – 7:00 pm (EST)**

**Where: CSPAN 1 (Video will be made available following floor debate)**

Rep. Luján introduced the legislation, which promotes environmental science programs at Los Alamos National Laboratory by authorizing funding for its NERP as well as for five other NERPs throughout the country. The research conducted at the NERPs, which have existed for decades, produces valuable data that can be used to fight climate change and clean up contaminated sites. With the new authorization and consistent funding, they can expand their research activities. Rep. Luján's legislation authorizes \$5,000,000 for each NERP for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

For more information about the Department of Energy's National Energy Research Parks, visit <http://www.nerp.ornl.gov/>

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For more information about the Los Alamos National Environmental Research Park, visit [http://www.lanl.gov/orgs/tt/partnering/user\\_facility/facilities/environ\\_research.shtml](http://www.lanl.gov/orgs/tt/partnering/user_facility/facilities/environ_research.shtml)

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